subject to registration of contracts with Council for Leather Exports indicating the price, quantity, etc. and on payment of export duty of 15% on such exports. As on 18.2.2000 no exporter has registered with Council for Leather Export for export of EI tanned leather. So far no adverse impact of amended policy on export of leather goods has come to the notice of the Govt.

Dumping of out-dated technologies by MNCs

319. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that MNCs are making India a dumping ground for out-dated and obsolete technologies;

(b) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard or established any monitoring agency; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) Sir, the Indian companies have been given freedom to negotiate the terms of technology transfer with their foreign counterparts according to their commercial judgement. It is therefore, for the companies to decide whether the technology is relevant and competitive or not.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Export performance

320. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how far exports in different sectors have picked-up/declined during the last two years, sector-wise; and

(b) what is the overall assessment of export performance with respect to different global market and major countries importing Indian goods?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence & Statistics data, the export performance of major sectors for the year 1997-98 and 1998-99 is as under:—